



1 April 2003

Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Oral Ex Parte Meeting. WT Docket No. 01-309; RM-7658; Section 68.4(a) of the Commission's Rules Governing Hearing Aid Compatible Telephones**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Representatives from consumer organizations and a telecommunications access research and engineering center met with FCC staff on Monday, March 31, 2003, to discuss issues related to the hearing aid compatibility proceeding.

Items discussed were the ANSI C.63. 19 standard, the phase-out of analog service, progress towards technical feasibility, and hearing aid user preferences in digital wireless access.

Attending from the Commission were:


Mindy Littell, WTB/Policy  
Patrick Forster, WTB/Policy  
Joseph Levin, WTB/Policy  
Greg Guice, WTB/Policy  
Jennifer Tomchin, WTB  
Jerome Stanshine, Office of Engineering and Technology  
Thomas Chandler, CGB/Disability Rights Office  
Janet Sievert, CGB/DRO

Consumer Representatives were:

Karen Peltz Strauss, RERC-TA, Gallaudet  
Judy Harkins, RERC-TA, Gallaudet  
Michael Tecklenburg, Alexander Graham Bell Assoc. For the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Brenda Battat, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People

Please contact me if you have questions about this meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Battat". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Brenda" and last name "Battat" clearly legible.

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